

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the impact of surface waters in Prince William County.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: June 27, 2015 to July 28, 2015.

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Prince William County Department of Transportation, 5 County Complex Court, Suite 290, Prince William, Virginia 22192; VWPP No. 14-1779.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Prince William County Department of Transportation has applied for a new permit to construct improvements to Route 28 to improve traffic flow through the project area and improve safety in Prince William County, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to fill surface waters for widening the north and southbound lanes, the construction of storm water management facilities and improvements to the Route 28 – Bibb Boulevard intersection. The proposed activity would affect 0.389 acres (2,202 linear feet) of surface waters, consisting of 0.358 acres (1,984 linear feet) of permanent impact and 0.031 acre (218 linear feet) of temporary impacts. Permanent impacts are to 0.019 acre of palustrine forested wetlands (PFO), 0.033 acre of palustrine unvegetated bottom (PUB), and 0.033 acre (1,984 linear feet) of stream channels. Temporary impacts are to 0.031 acre (218 linear feet) of stream channel. The activity proposed in the permit would affect Kettle Run and associated unnamed tributaries in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the permanently affected area, the applicant will purchase 0.071 wetland credit and 1,877 stream credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank that is authorized to sell credits to the permitted impact site. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** David Grimes; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: 703-583-3862 E-mail: David.Grimes@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3801. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.